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¶1. (U) In response to reftel, Poloff contacted Deputy Director Lee Kyeo-kyeong of the UN Division of the ROK's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. According to Lee, the ROKG supports the overarching principle that consultative status to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) be "granted without prejudice" by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Lee affirmed that the ROKG would most likely support a vote that grants ECOSOC consultative status to the DCP (Democracy Coalition Project). Regarding Dynamic Christian World Mission Foundation (DCWF), Lee requested more time to confer with ROK Embassy in China about DCWF's background and activities before making a final determination on ROKG stance towards DCWMF's referral back to the NGO Committee. MOFAT also shared that the ROKG agreed that membership disclosure is not compulsory for consultative status and that it is likely that the ROKG will respond positively to a vote that sends DCWMF back to the NGO Committee if the disclosure of membership (see reftel) is the only issue surrounding the DCWMF's application.

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